

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 7/21/2008 has been entered.

Response to Amendment

2. Applicant's amendment was received on 7/21/2008, and has been entered and made of record. Currently, **claims 1 – 20** are pending.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments (*see Remarks 7/21/2008 [page 8, lines 4 – 18] and see Remarks 1/29/2008 [page 10, lines 1 – 12]*) with respect to **claims 1 – 20** been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejections of claims 1 – 20 have been withdrawn.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

4. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided

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by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Susan Mizer (Reg. No. 38,245) on 9/18/2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 2: The ~~system~~ method of claim 1, wherein the document processing options are displayed on a menu on a display console located on the document rendering device.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

5. **Claims 1 – 20** are allowed.

Referring to **claims 1 and 11**, the innovative limitation that distinguishes the Applicant's claim is the discernment of the user-available document processing operations (e.g. e-mailing, faxing, printing) based upon the particular file format of the electronic document stored on the associated portable data storage device (e.g. USB drive) for user selection (*see Remarks 7/21/2008 [page 8, lines 4 – 18] and see Remarks 1/29/2008 [page 10, lines 1 – 12]*).

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Knodt et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,987,535) disclose a user interface providing immediate status and capability indicators of an imaging system on a network by displaying channel connections, features in use, availability and current operations (*see Abstract and Figs. 2 – 13*).

Asano (U.S. Patent No. 5,761,399) discloses a facsimile system wherein a request command is transmitted from a computing device to a facsimile device to request function list data of the facsimile device, representing adjustable functions, possible function settings, and/or current function settings of the facsimile device (*see Abstract and see Figs. 12A – 12B*).

Ito (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0063313) discloses screen information for displaying a plurality of function options available for a predetermined processed in an image forming apparatus (*see Abstract*).

French et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2006/0039033) disclose providing a hard-copy output from a recognized portable memory device wherein one or more files stored therein are identified and presented to a user in a list such that a printable image on a physical medium is then prepared according to a file specified by the user file selection (*see Abstract and Figs. 1 – 8*).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Myles D. Robinson whose telephone number is (571)272-5944. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30am-5:00pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Twyler L. Haskins can be reached on (571) 272-7406. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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